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Mrs. James *Prayer for the Queen and Parliament, and Kingdom too, that they may pray to God to divert His Judgments from them, and give them a Heart of Repentance to become New Creatures, for His Divine Majesty can create a Kingdom in a moment, for His own Church, and for His Glory.*

Oh! my Dear God.

MAY I wish Peace and Happiness to this House: O Lord, thou knowest it is a sinful House, and yet notwithstanding, I have fasted Fourteen Days and Nights to divert thy Judgments from it, and from thy Kingdom. O Lord, thou knowest it is a sinful House, and has destroyed thine Anointed without a Law, and has voted the Lords to be useless. O Lord, I beseech thee, pardon the Sins of this House, and the Kingdom too, and lay not these Great Sins to their Charge, but have Mercy upon them, and open the Eyes of their Souls, that they may see the deplorable Condition they are in, and give them true Wisdom, that they may not be led by the Spiritual Adversary, but that they may rightly understand, that all Spite and Malice comes of the Devil. Oh! that we had but Consideration to know, that while we do the Devils Will, we are the Devils Servants. Surely none would transgress against thy Divine Majesty but through Ignorance. O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, to pardon their Ignorance, and give them the Grace of Repentance and Amendment of Life, that thou may'st have the Glory; for thou hast declared, that thou dost not delight in the Destruction of Sinners, for if their Sins be as red as Scarlet, thou hast promised to wash them as white as Snow. *O Lord, I beseech thee, give all thy People Grace to consider thy Gracious Promises, and that they may lay hold of the Lines of Life, and live.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I Cannot say but that you have been very civil all along to me by your outward Appearance, and I wish to God, that you may be sincere both Spiritually and Temporally: And I can assure you, my love to you has been sincere God knows, for no Mother could be more indulgent over her own Children than I have been over you: Not any Mother fasted and prayed for her Natural Children as I have done for you, but now your Actions has wounded me; for could any Mortal think, that such Cruelties should be acted in a Christian Kingdom, to so good a Man (as Dr. *Sacheverel*) that was like an Angel to tell you of the dangerous Condition you was in: If you was not guilty, he did not speak to you, and if guilty, why not repent? But will you be worser than the Jews, for when St. *Peter* preach'd a Sermon, there was abundance of Souls convinc'd and converted? And the Jews that was so sinful, they sometimes inquir'd what they should do to be saved, and should you not examine your selves, and pray to God, that you might be acquitted of the Guilt, and not to be angry; for if you were not guilty of that Sin, you were guilty of many others, but instead of doing so, which was but your Duty, you did quite contrary: How will you answer this before the Great God, when you come to be judg'd, that you should show so much Indignation against God's Angel, that comes to tell ye you are in a wrong Way, and to save your Souls? Oh! 'tis a dangerous thing to War with Angels, therefore I humbly beseech you, to turn

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your Anger into Love, and think of the *Lord's Prayer*, and to forgive others, as you would have God to forgive you, and this may be a means to delay the Judgment, but if you do perſiſt, you will haſten your Judgment, which is even at the door.

There is two things that I propoſe, which I don't doubt would be very acceptable to God, that half the Money that would be laid out in building Scaffolding, ſhould be diſtributed to the Poor to buy Bread: And the ſecond thing is, if you would have your Souls to be ſaved, and appeaſe the Wrath of an angry God, that you ſhould humble your ſelves, and proclaim a Faſt among your ſelves, and have it in your own Houſe, for that is a Chappel, let it be for one day: You are in a Chappel already, and I believe in *Whitehall* there is a moving Pulpit, and let ſome ſincere Man preach home to your Souls, and don't think that Men muſt be afraid, for if they do not tell you of your Sins, they muſt anſwer for them, and it is what the Devil would have done, that he might get the greater Power over you, therefore 'tis a Sin for you to ſtop the Mouths of God's Miniſters, for there is not any will think to do it but wicked Men, but I hope in God you will not have the nature of ſinful Men, but the nature of Saints; for that reaſon Chriſt took humanity upon him, to change our vile Natures into Spiritual, for indeed there cannot any be Chriſtians but what has the Spirit of Chriſt; and if you have the Spirit of Chriſt, you muſt have the Works of Chriſt: And Chriſt tells you, *That he that perſecutes his Deſciples, perſecutes him*, and God forbid that a Parliament of *England* ſhould perſecute their Lord and Maſter and Saviour: Therefore I humbly intreat you (for God's ſake) bring none of this Guilt upon your ſelves, but be reconciled to this good Man, and beg his pardon, and who knows but this may be an acceptable Sacrifice to God, and prevent the Evil that may come upon you, for if you do any Evil to him, woe be to you, for God and good Men will be againſt you: And the Queen cannot approve of ſuch Actions, who has always been educated in the Church, and Her Grand-father was Sacrificed for the protecting of it; and beſides, it is contrary to the Will of God, and it is not for the Preſervation of the Kingdom, for it will beget ill Blood, and diſturb the Peace of the Queen, which God preſerve, for I heartily pray for Her, for She is in a Wilderneſs of Troubles, and who can She truſt, for it is a ſinful and divided Nation, and fit for Ruin. O Lord grant, that you may go the right way and prevent Deſtruction, that is, to beg of God for his Directions, and who knows but His Divine Majeſty may take pity of you and direct you, for He is the Wiſe Governour and Preſerver of all Things, and has a Power, not only to preſerve, but to deſtroy in a moment. Oh! happy are the People that are in His Favour, and if you would be the People, you muſt love His Church and His Eſtabliſh'd Worſhip, for whoever is againſt That, is againſt God: Therefore I humbly beſeech you, ſtudy Peace and Quietneſs, for without it you can never be happy, either in this World, nor in that to come; for the want of that deſtroy'd the Jews. I beſeech you therefore tread not in their ſteps.

I do not know this Doctor, nor I never ſaw him, as I know for, but only by his Fame, for all good Men and Women are concern'd for him. I remember in King *Charles*'s Time, there was one *Roſwell*, a Diſcenting Miniſter, they had inform'd the King that he had preach'd Treaſon, and he was taken up and put into Priſon, and the King was reſolv'd he ſhould die, but his Friends had made ſuch Intereſt, that the whole Court was againſt it, and the Duke of *York* and the Duke of *Monmouth* beg'd his Pardon, and the moſt part of all the Lords, but the King was very angry with them, and would not hearken to any of them, and when they had try'd all Things, at laſt they came to me, and I went to the Priſon to him, and he did confeſs, that he did not ſay the Words that they alledg'd to his Charge, and I thought it was pity he ſhould die, and it would have been an ill Example, and I was not willing my own ſhould be ſerv'd ſo, ſo I went to the King at Night, with a Candle and Lanthorn, it was Eleven a Clock before I got there, for I think the next day he was to die, and when I came the King was in his Bed-chamber, and a Lord went in to tell him, that Mrs. *James* was come to beg *Roſwell*'s Life, and I heard him ſay, *Does Mrs.* James *come to beg* Roſwell's *Life, then ſhe ſhall have it*, and yet I did not know the Man, nor I never ſaw him but that time I went to the Priſon: And if I did it for a Diſcenting Miniſter, you cannot blame me for doing of it for an Angel of the Church and God's Eſtabliſh'd Worſhip, for Chriſt terms them Angels, for the

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the King had a Divine Soul, for he never deny'd me any thing, but ſaid, *It would pleaſe me well to have you come for your ſelf*, but I did not intend it, to have my Mouth ſtopt and my Hands bound, and through an accident there was ſome Prieſts came to pervert me, and I faſted three days before I made a Petition, to let the King underſtand it, and it was ſeven days before I had any hope that the King would take any notice of it, for I told him that they would pervert his Kingdom, and he ſet out a Proclamation, and Cardinal *Howard* and all flew, and I was never troubled no more: And one time I came to ſpeak with the King in haſte, and he was in his Cloſet, and I intreated the Gentlemen to let me go, for I ſhould not find him, and they ask'd me who I would find, and I was aſhame to ſay the King, but the King hear'd my voice and came out, and ſaid, *This is my beloved, you muſt not hinder her from coming to me, whereever I am, and whatever I am a doing, for her Face is* Sion *ward:* And the firſt Paper that I gave to [illegible] was the *Grievances of the Nation*, and ſome was highly diſpleaſed at it, and ſaid, *They would not be taught by a Woman, what was I*; and the fewd grew very great, and one that knew I was the Kings Favourite, went and told him I was in great danger, and ſhew'd him the Paper, and it was read before him, and he ſaid, *It was an honeſt Paper, and ſhe ſhall not be puniſhed*, but he anſwer'd the King again, Sir, *It cannot be hope, for the moſt Voices carries it*, but the King ſaid, *I will help it, for I will ſend the Uſher of the Black Rod*, and he did ſo, though they had not done his Buſineſs. Was not this a precious Prince, although he was cloath'd with Humanity, never was any King like him, for he was a King of wonder. for did not God bring him and ſet him in his Fathers Throne in Peace, contrary to all his Oppoſers, and when he dy'd, the firſt thing that I deſired of King *James* was to Eſtabliſh Prayers and Preaching in his Houſe, as it was in his Brothers Life-time, and himſelf to go to Church, and the ſecond thing was to ſatisfie me of his Brothers Death, and was not he a precious Soul that could bear all this, and love me ſtill; and when *Monmouths* Rebellion was, I came and told him, that if he would ſhut himſelf up one day and Faſt, the Duke ſhould not prevail over him, and I did not think he would do it, but I came the next day, and there had no body ſeen him; and I ſtay'd three or four hours, and there was no likelihood, and I came home, and you know that the Duke did not, and therefore why will you not try the Experiments as I deſire you, for to put aſide the Scaffolding and him not to be try'd, for he has done nothing to deſerve it, and to ſet your ſelf in a Faſt for one day, and imbrace him with a Kiſs of ſincerity, and not like *Judas*, and I dare to be confident that God will change the Scenes, and you may be deliver'd from the Judgment.

And King *William* was very ſincere to me, and deliver'd me from the Spite and Malice of *Pilkington*, and has not God done great things for me, for the firſt time that I came to the King it was to tell him of his Faults, and how kindly did he receive me, that the whole Court took notice of it, and he became like my Brother that ſuck'd the Breaſt of my Mother; and do you think I could do all this of my ſelf, but that it was by the Power of God that I did it, and by the ſame Power I ſpeak to you, and therefore take it ſo; for the Devil has warr'd with me above this 40 years, becauſe I was not for the Deſtruction of the Nation, but for the Preſervation of it, and therefore he ſought many ways to deſtroy me, but God has preſerv'd me and faught my Battle, and made me more than a Conqueror, and I don't fear all the Powers of Hell, for I ſtand upon an Infallible Rock my Bleſſed Saviour, and the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt me.

Now to the Immortal and Inviſible God, who moves in all Things, and not any Thing can comprehend Him, be all Glory, Might and Majeſty be given to him that knows the Secrets of my Heart, and that all my Faſtings has been ſincere: Give me Grace and Favour in His Sight, and grant that I may be His Servant to all Eternity, ſhall be the Prayers and deſire of my Soul, and I hope, through the Merits of my Bleſſed Saviour I ſhall obtain more than I am able to deſire: So the Lord grant it. Amen.

And I humbly intreat thy Divine Majeſty to bleſs this Paper, that the Reader may be the better.

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